

CARTSNEWS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

First the good news! Our membership has now grown to 35. This issue of the newsletter is the largest ever. And the second meeting of CARTS will take place in Greenville, SC on May 28th.

Let's make this second meeting even more successful than the first. Get out those duplicates, motor on down to Greenville, and add to your collection. I'm sure that – as was the case at our first meeting – there will be tokens and tokens and tokens! Meeting details and a map appear at the bottom of this column.

Now there actually is no bad news. But there's some no so good news. First, no paid advertising was received for this issue. And second, members are not making use of the free classified ads. Send those free ads! And sell; even if your duplicates seem to you to be common, probably there is someone among the membership who would be eager to buy them.

SECOND MEETING OF CARTS

Date: Saturday May 28, 2005

Location: The Main Boardroom of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Greenville, SC

Address: 851 Congaree Road (corner of Congaree Road and Roper Mountain Road), take exit 37 off I-385 in Greenville, SC.

Hours: 9AM to 2PM



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Spring has finally arrived here in South Carolina, and the fine weather makes me want to get out and look for tokens. I hope to find some soon. There will certainly be plenty of them to look at when we have our next CARTS meeting in Greenville on Saturday, May 28th (the Saturday before Memorial Day). The meeting will be held in the Main Boardroom at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Roper Mountain Road. That is the same location as the coin shows that are held in Greenville, except the Main Boardroom is on the basement level. Just take the stairs to the left of the restaurant and the room will be immediately at the bottom of the stairs. (See elsewhere in this issue for more information.) So, pack up all your duplicate tokens and come on out to the meeting. I guarantee you that there will be lots of things there to look at. I hope to see everyone there!!

Happy Collecting,
Tony Chibbaro - President, CARTS

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Comments, suggestions, reactions, (maybe even) criticism, will be gratefully accepted. Let us know!
Articles, New Finds, Announcements, and Classifieds to Don Bailey only! Dues to Bob King only!

N. L. MAST MAST, N.C.

Joe Elrod

Newton Lafayette (N. L. or Newt) Mast was born 28 March 1859 in Watauga County, North Carolina. He was the fifth of eleven children born to John Allen Mast and Martha Elizabeth Moore. N. L. married Addie Inez Horton and they had three children: Maude A., Thomas S. and James B.



N. L. Mast / Mast, N. C. // Good For / 25 / In /
Merchandise Only – R, Al, 26mm

N. L. Mast opened a general store in the Cove Creek Valley some time before 1887. The Mast Post Office was established in June 1887 and was located in the store. Newton L. Mast was postmaster from June 4, 1887 until his death on 18 March 1929. His son James B. Mast was appointed postmaster on 19 March 1929. The post office was discontinued 15 October 1931.

Newton L. Mast employed his nephew William Wellington (W. W.) Mast when he was a young man thereby giving him training an experience that W. W. used to operate his own store at Valle Crucis.

Mast is a place name on current maps of Watauga County. It is on old HWY 421 at the intersection with Laurel Branch Road.

SOURCES:

The Heritage of Wautauga County North Carolina, Volume I, 1984, the Genealogical Society of Wautauga County, Boone, North Carolina. The Hunter Publishing Company, Winston Salem, NC pp 271-272.

"Post Offices of Wautauga County", *Quarterly of the Genealogical Society of Wautauga County, North Carolina*, Volume II, No. 2, September 1988.

NEW FIND

Don Bailey

The token shown below is a new find, at least for me.



A.C. Wilson & Company / 5 // In Trade / 5 / Pat.
Jun. 1909 / Ingle System – R, Br, 20 mm.

Even though the token is a maverick it is definite, I believe, that it is from Ellenboro, NC. In the 1922 *Bradstreet's Commercial Ratings* we find A. C. Wilson & Company listed as a general store in Ellenboro. And other commercial listings show Wilson was in business at least from 1912 to 1926. Likewise the Ingle shipping records show the token as originating in Ellenboro. (A 1¢ token from the same source is also known. Can anyone verify the existence of other denominations?)

Ellenboro, NC is located in east central Rutherford County. It is a fairly old town, having been established in 1886 and incorporated in 1889. Ellenboro is said to have been named for Ellen Robinson, daughter of the president (or perhaps an engineer) of the Carolina Central Railroad. Robinson gave a bell to the local school with his daughter's name engraved inside. But another story regarding the name asserts that it is derived from the name of a local land owner Burwell Blanton and his wife Ellen. Thus Ellenburwell became, over time, Ellenboro.

THE SKIDS KIDS TOKEN

Lamar Bland

The Skids Kids token identifies the issuer as part of the youth entertainment/amusement industry of the last two decades. He is Andy Liapis of Burlington, North Carolina, who operates Skids-II, a restaurant on Church Street. Andy bought into the short order/drive in restaurant business in the 1980's, a business founded by

a Mr. Skidmore in Burlington in 1949. The Skids name currently appears on 4 restaurants, including branches in Elon and Mebane. Liapis ordered several thousand of the tokens from Colonial Vending in Greensboro, for use at his Playland (a different location on Church Street) from 1996 to 2001. Playland, though successful, is not presently in operation; but according to Liapis may reopen if he can find another desirable location for rental. He does not know if any Skids owners ever issued a different token for use in the restaurant trade.



Skids Kids / (figure) // No / Cash / Value – R, Br, ?mm

ANOTHER MAVERICK MYSTERY

Bob King

Last month my sister finished typing a 1923 R.G. Dun for North Carolina into the computer and sorting it alphabetically. Naturally I was anxious to check my maverick list for new attributions. I quickly attributed two new mavericks to North Carolina; at least that is what I thought. I have a nice aluminum token from the Frank E. Block Company, described below, and it came up as a manufacturer of confections and crackers in Charlotte, NC. I also noticed it was a branch of Atlanta, Georgia. After more research I found it listed from 1920 through 1924 in Charlotte. I immediately sent this information to Randy Partin and asked if he had ever seen this token attributed to Atlanta, Ga. His reply included a scan of a similar token in a 2 ½ ¢ denomination that was self-attributed to Atlanta. However, his token does not have "lunch room" on it. Is this token from Charlotte or Atlanta? Hopefully, more research will tell.



FRANK E. BLOCK CO. / (ORNAMENT) / LUNCH / ROOM / (ORNAMENT) // GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE – RD, AL, 25mm (CHARLOTTE, NC OR ATLANTA, GA)

THREE UNLISTED S.C. TOKENS UNEARTHED IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY

Tony Chibbaro

Relic hunters have always been a good source of new tokens, and one such enthusiast has recently dug up three goodies in Georgetown County. Two tokens from the Winyah Lumber Company and a maverick bread token from S. Emanuel were found in a newly cleared field near the coastal city. All three tokens were previously unknown. The two lumber tokens are in denominations of 50 cents and 25 cents and are undoubtedly part of a set. Pictured below is the 50 cent specimen, which is made of brass and measures 20mm. The 25 cent token (not pictured) is brass, octagonal, and 25mm.



Winyah / Lumber Co. / Georgetown / S.C. // Good For / 50¢ / In / Md'se Only – Sq, Br, 20mm

The Winyah Lumber Company was in business in Georgetown from 1897 to 1930. The 1920 edition of the Southern Lumbermen's Directory lists the operation of a band sawmill of 35,000 board foot capacity, a

logging railroad, an electric light plant, and a commissary. The mill produced cypress, black and red gum, shortleaf yellow pine, North Carolina pine, and poplar.

The third token (pictured below) probably also hails from Georgetown, but is from an earlier time period. S. Emanuel is not listed in the business directories, but is mentioned in a published history of Georgetown County. An L.G. Emanuel, possibly a relative, operated a general store from the 1880s through the early 1900s. Perhaps the issuer of this token ran a bakery in conjunction with the aforementioned store. The token measures 35mm, is uniface, with all lettering incuse. If indeed it was issued in Georgetown, it would be the earliest token known to have been used there.



1 / Loaf / S. Emanuel // (blank) – R, Br, 35mm

THE EVOLUTION OF A TOKEN COLLECTOR

Tony Chibbaro

I am often asked why I collect tokens. Usually, to save time and avoid getting into a thirty minute dissertation, I give an off-the-cuff answer such as “I collect them for their connection to local history.” This is certainly true, but the full answer goes much deeper than that.

Like many of my fellow token collectors, I began by collecting coins. I started at a young age with Lincoln cents, Jefferson nickels, and the familiar cast of blue Whitman folders. Mercury dimes and Buffalo nickels were my favorites. By the age of twelve I had almost finished a folder of Mercury dimes, lacking only three. (You could find them in circulation back then.) I had dreams of finding a 1916-D Mercury dime in a roll from the bank, but alas this dream went unfulfilled. As I grew older, I lost an immediate interest in coin collecting, but never sold my collection. When I had graduated from college and dental school, my interest in numismatics reawakened and I began to reacquaint myself with the hobby. This time around I had more disposable income and could indulge myself with a greater number of purchases, but after a period of time I became a little bored with an album full of virtually identical coins, the only differences between them being the date and mintmark. I began to dabble with type collecting, as a grouping of dissimilar specimens seemed to have more allure than a set of essentially indistinguishable clones. I still work on my type collection from time to time, adding 6 or 8 coins a year, but a desire to have even more diversity in my collection led me to foreign coins. The variety here is almost endless, and I am still impressed by some of the exquisitely beautiful world coins that can be purchased very inexpensively. I continue to add to this collection occasionally, but my pursuits in this field seem to lack cohesiveness. I buy what appeals to me when it crosses my path, but there is no single purpose or theme to the collection.

In 1985, I was introduced to the world of exonumia at my local coin shop. I was rummaging around in the dealer’s junk box and began taking notice of a few tokens and medals hiding among the foreign coins. A couple of items that caught my eye were from South Carolina – a worker’s tally from Hilton Head Packing Company and a mill store token from Beaumont Mfg. Co. in Spartanburg. I was intrigued by these two locally-issued tokens, as I had not previously been aware of their availability. I was also struck by their quaintness, so I purchased them along with a few other tokens from out-of-state. The two South Carolina tokens certainly appealed to my sentiments for local history, but it was their radical “differentness” from the average government-issued coin that piqued my interest the most. One of the out-of-state tokens, however, showed me how valuable some tokens could be and taught me that collecting them could be extremely lucrative. One of my other purchases that day was a pool room token from Portsmouth, New Hampshire. I paid the grand sum of 50 cents for that token, and sold it about two months later to a collector from California for 75 dollars. Not bad, I thought. But when I learned that this collector later sold it to a

specialist in New Hampshire tokens for 125 dollars, there was no turning back for me. If I could purchase an item worth over 100 dollars for just pennies, then I certainly wanted to pursue this aspect of numismatics more fully.

Over the years I have performed similar feats too many times to count. My best deal was buying a \$25,000 item for 50 dollars. I have done that only once so far, but you never know, there may be another one waiting at the next coin show I attend. But it is not just the possibility of purchasing items of great value at next to nothing, nor the sense of local history, nor even the quaintness of tokens that animates me. There are other factors involved; two that immediately come to mind are rarity and pride of ownership. There is just something about holding in your hand an item of which there is only a single example known. I have many tokens in my collection like that and could come close to filling up a large 3-ring binder. Another factor was the chance to become an expert in an area of numismatics in which little research had been done before. This had led to the authorship of many articles and even a book on the subject of South Carolina tokens and has provided countless hours of satisfaction in their writing. I have also exhibited some of my tokens at regional and national coin shows, and have given numerous talks and slide shows on the subject, all of which has greatly increased the pleasure that I receive from collecting. This outlet for creative pursuits is probably the number one reason I have remained so active in tokens over the past 20 years and is no small part of the joy of collecting. I heartily recommend collecting tokens to anyone who may be contemplating it. But beware, you just might get hooked!

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED

WANTED: UNITED STATES COUNTERMARKED COINS and COMMUNION TOKENS. Bob Merchant, P.O. Box 560698, Rockledge, Florida 32956. E-mail: BOBM@CFL.RR.COM

SODA TOKENS WANTED. Especially want those with druggist merchant obverses and soda or fountain reverses, from all locations but especially from eastern and southern states, and Texas. Will buy or try to trade. Mike Greenspan, 18611 Resica Falls Ln, Houston, TX 77094, tokenmg@aol.com, or call (281) 646-1116.

STILL SEEKING: NC tokens, cotton mills or otherwise. Especially interested in Rutherford County area. Metal coffee tokens, worldwide. Some trades available. Lamar Bland, Durham, N.C. blandl@elon.edu.

FOR SALE

CHECK OUT THE HUNDREDS OF TOKENS I have for sale or trade on my website: <http://www.angelfire.com/sc/sctokens/> Tony Chibbaro, PO Box 420, Prosperity, SC 29127 (803-252-1881) chibbaro@mindspring.com

THE CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE TOKENS for sale. I have the 5¢, 10¢, and 25¢ denominations – one set only. The set of three for \$90 post paid. Don Bailey, PO Box 1272, Etowah, NC 28729.

MISCELLAENOUS

WANT TO SWAP MY MAVERICK LIST FOR YOURS. I will inform you of any tokens that I attribute. Bob King, 33 Cardinal Dr., Brevard, NC 28712 828-883-8028 or tokenaddict@citcom.net

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE – send in your ad today for the next issue. Also send in those articles, new finds, etc. CARTS can succeed only with your input.

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**IF THERE IS A NAME WHICH YOU THINK SHOULD BE ON OUR LIST, BUT IS NOT,
PLEASE CONTACT THAT INDIVIDUAL AND ENCOURAGE HIM OR HER TO JOIN.**

(Note: Sorry that membership numbers are not included. My computer seems to be degenerating rapidly and I'm afraid if I don't print what I've got it may be a week or more before I can get my problems solved and get the newsletter out. Surely next issue. Editor.)

CARTS Membership and Dues: Membership in CARTS is open to anyone interested in the exounomia of the two Carolinas. Annual dues are \$10.00 and should be mailed to the treasurer, Bob King. Checks should be made payable to CARTS.

CARTSNEWS: SETSNEWS, the newsletter of CARTS, is published four times per year in February, May, August, and November.

Advertising: Each member is encouraged to submit one classified ad per issue. These ads are free to members. Free ads should be no more than 50 words in length. No ads will be run continuously; a new ad must be submitted for each issue. The editor reserves the right to edit ads for length and any ad thought not to be in the best interest of the hobby will be rejected.

Paid advertising is also solicited. The rate per issue for paid ads is as follows. One quarter page \$3.00, one half page \$6.00, and full page \$11.00. Any paid advertising, along with payment, should be sent to the editor by the fifteenth of that month before the month of issue. So, for example, advertising copy for the May issue should be received by the editor by April 15. Camera ready copy will be accepted, but the editor will also compose ads from your rough copy if you desire. As with free advertising the editor may reject any ad thought not in the best interest of CARTS or the hobby at large.